

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-3 with the corresponding amended claims.

A1 1. (Amended) A method of fixturing cutting tool inserts in Physical Vapor Deposition coating equipment, the method comprising:
providing a tube of a non-magnetic metallic material having an outer wall surrounding a stack of alternating discs of a magnetic material and iron, north poles of the magnets are directed towards each other; positioning the cutting inserts on the outer wall of the tube; and retaining the cutting inserts by magnetic forces.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the tube has a circular cross-section.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the tube has a wall thickness of less than 1.5 mm.

Please add new claims 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

A2 4. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein the tube has a wall thickness of less than 1.0 mm.